

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine was held by Conference Call on Monday, February 17, 2003, for the purpose of reviewing reinstatement applications and any other business to come before the board.

The following Board members participated:

Eugene T. Maddox, President
Charles Gary Bullard
R. Flynn Nance
Angela Shurling Bushway, Vice President

Others Participating:

Dominick Crea, Board Attorney
Susan S. Hewett, Board Secretary

President Maddox established that a quorum was present and the Conference Call scheduled to begin at 2:30 P.M. was **called to order** at 2:50 P.M.

Dr. Bushway made a motion to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2(k) and 43-1-19(h)(2) to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications and investigative reports. The motion was seconded by Dr. Nance and voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Dr. Bullard and Dr. Maddox. The Board concluded **Executive Session** in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

C.B.: The Board reviewed an application for **reinstatement** of license submitted by C.B. A motion was made by Dr. Nance to approve the reinstatement of license under a Public Consent Order for unlicensed practice. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bullard and was **approved** by the Board.

M.C.R.: The Board reviewed an application for **reinstatement** of license submitted by M.R. A motion was made by Dr. Bullard to approve the reinstatement of license under a Public Consent Order for unlicensed practice. The motion was seconded by Dr. Nance and was **approved** by the Board.

J.W.: The Board reviewed a letter from J.W. requesting the Board to **reconsider the decision** regarding application for licensure. A motion was made by Dr. Bullard to **uphold the former decision** to deny licensure until proof of the North Carolina issue being resolved is received and reviewed by the Board. The motion was seconded by Dr. Nance and was **approved** by the Board.

Case #VET030051: The Board reviewed a letter from the complainant regarding the response from the Board regarding the resolution of the case. A motion was made by Dr. Maddox to **table** the issue until the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bullard and was approved by the Board.

Emmett Ashley, DVM: The Board reviewed information regarding the inability of Dr. Ashley to find someone to supervise him. Dr. Ashley is asking that the Board reconsider the terms of his Consent Order. The Board tabled the issue until the next meeting.

Case #VET030044: A recommendation was made by Dr. Bushway to request a response from the veterinarian providing follow up care in this case. The motion was seconded by Dr. Nance and was **approved** by the Board.

A recommendation was made by Dr. Nance to allow for **administrative processing of reinstatement applications** if no convictions, arrests, or sanctions were noted in the application. This issue was **tabled** until the next meeting.

The Board appointed Dr. Bushway and Dr. Bullard to be a **Legislative Study Committee** with the draft 2003 Practice Act Legislation.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Dr. Nance made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bushway and was **approved** by the Board.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 3:17 P.M.

Minutes recorded by: Susan S. Hewett, Board Secretary

Minutes reviewed by: Anita O. Martin, Executive Director

Chairman of the Board: Eugene T. Maddox, DVM

Division Director: Mollie Fleeman

Minutes approved by the Board at the April 2, 2003 meeting.

State of Georgia

County of Bibb

**Affidavit Supporting Closing
Of Public Meeting**

The Georgia Open Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. 50-14-1 et seq., requires that all meetings of an entity covered by the statute must be open to the public unless there is some specific statutory exception which permits the closing of the meeting. If such a meeting is to be closed, the law requires that the presiding person execute a sworn affidavit stating that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the statutory exceptions and identifying those specific exceptions relied upon. O.C.G.A. 50-14-4(b). A copy of this affidavit must be filed with the minutes of the meeting in question:

Comes now, Eugene T. Maddox, DVM the presiding officer identified below and, before an official duly authorized to administer oaths, makes this affidavit in satisfaction of the statutory requirements outlined above.

1. I am the presiding officer of the **Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine.**
2. I am over the age of 18 and in all other aspects competent to make this sworn statement. I acknowledge that I am giving this statement under oath and penalty of perjury and that I have read the contents of this affidavit prior to signing it.
3. On **February 17, 2003**, this entity, which is subject to the Open Meetings Act, met. A majority of the quorum of the members present voted to close the meeting or a portion thereof for the following indicated reason(s). I hereby certify that during the closed portion of the meeting, only those subjects indicated below were discussed. I also certify that I have reviewed the exceptions provided under the Open Meetings Act that may permit the closing of a meeting and that, to the best of my knowledge, the reasons I have described in detail below meet the requirements for closing this public meeting.

4. The legal authority for the closure of this meeting was:

43-1-2(k) and 43-1-19(h)(2)

5. The subject(s) discussed and the underlying facts supporting the closing of this meeting are:

Review disciplinary files, review applications & reinstatement applications

Further the affiant sayeth not.

Eugene T. Maddox, DVM
(Presiding Officer)

Sworn and subscribed before me,

This 2nd day of April, 2003.

Regina F. Thompson
Notary Public